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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: CHAPTER 4 OF
18 C/5 RE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION

1. SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION (VERBATIM TEXT IN PARA 3, BELOW), JUST INTRODUCED, IS LEAST-COMMON-DENOMINATOR RESULT OF EXTENSIVE TALKS WHICH MEMBER OF SWEDISH DEL (BERGMANN) HAD WITH THE OTHER SCANDINAVIANS, KEY MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT (NAESSELAND OF DENMARK, SOMMERLAD OF AUSTRALIA AND BEHRSTOCK OF US), IN ADDITION TO MEMBER OF USDEL. JEAN D'ARCY (FR.) OF IBI ALSO TOOK ACTIVE PART.

2. RESOLUTION HAS NOCO-SPONSORS AS YET BECAUSE OF HASTE WITH WHICH IT WAS DRAFTED AND SUBMITTED IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE DISCUSSED NEXT WEEK (TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT EARLIEST) WHEN COMMISSION IV (COMMUNICATIONS) BEGINS ITS WORK. OTHER SCANDINAVIAN MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ADDED AT LATER DATE, BUT US CO-SPONSORSHIP WAS NOT SOUGHT ON TACTICAL GROUNDS. AT SAME TIME, SCANDINAVIANS HOPE FOR STRONG US INTERVENTION IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION.

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3. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

RECALLING THAT THE RECOGNITION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS IS AT THE ORIGIN OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

BELIEVING THAT COMMUNICATION IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

BEARING IN MIND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE

BELIEVING THAT HUMAN COMMUNICATION MUST BE AN INTERACTIVE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS

TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE DIVERSE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF COMMUNICATION AND THE POTENTIAL AVAILABILITY OF AN ABUNDANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES' ALTHOUGH AT THE SAME TIME NOTING THAT THERE ARE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS IN THE CONTROL OF AND ACCESS TO THESE RESOURCES

BEARING IN MIND THE PLURALITY AND EQUALITY OF CULTURES AND THE POTENTIAL NOW EXISTING FOR ALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIETY TO GIVE FULL EXPRESSION TO THEIR CULTURAL VALUES

NOTING THE GROWING HUMAN NEED FOR A WIDER VARIETY OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD

RECOGNIZING THE EMERGENCE OF A SCIENCE OF COMMUNICATION AND THE INCREASED NEED FOR PLANNING COMMUNICATION RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE

CONVINCED THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS SHOULD HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND TO BENEFIT FROM SUCH MEANS WHILE PRESERVING THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION AGAINST THEIR ABUSES

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RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE IN CONSULTATION WITH COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INTERESTED INSTITUTIONS, AND TO REPORT TO THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE ON FURTHER STEPS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN."

4. REFERENCE TO "ABUNDANCE OF COMMUNICATION RESOURCES" IS TO ENTIRE RANGE OF MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. "EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES" PHRASE (PENULTIMATE PARA) REFLECTED SCANDINAVIAN DESIRE FOR GENERAL PRINCIPLE RE ACCESS TO MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNICATION PROCESS, ALTHOUGH "PROCESS" GOT DROPPED IN FAVOR OF "MEANS." SCANDINAVIANS INTEND TO EMPHASIZE IN DEBATE THAT "RIGHT TO PROTECTION AGAINST THEIR ABUSES" IS RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL.

5. IN VIEW LONG STANDING US DIFFICULTIES IN OPPOSING ANY UNESCO RESOLUTION IN THIS AREA, AS RESULT WIDESPREAD PREFERENCE MANY UNESCO MEMBERS FOR CONTROLLED FLOW, SWEDISH RESOLUTION, HOWEVER IMPERFECT, WOULD APPEAR OFFER REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TAKE POSITIVE PUBLIC STANCE ON FREE FLOW AND BE RESPONSIVE TO WHAT A LARGE MAJORITY
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OF NON-EASTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERS CONSIDER A MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM, I.E., IMBALANCE IN ACCESS TO MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

6. USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSION THIS RESOLUTION IN COMMISSION IV. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THIS FOR MONDAY WORKING LUNCH THAT HARLEY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF USDEL ARE HAVING WITH KEY MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELS TO DISCUSS FREE FLOW AND RELATED GC ISSUES, PARTICULARLY INDIA NEWSPRINT AND DRAFT DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA.
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